1 2 3 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON 4 AT SEATTLE 5 CAMPIDOGLIO LLC, et al., 6 Plaintiffs, C12-949 TSZ 7 v. MINUTE ORDER 8 WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A., et al., 9 Defendants. 10 The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable Thomas S. Zilly, United States District Judge: 11 The deferred portion of plaintiffs' motion for Rule 37(b) relief, docket (1)12 no. 129, is DENIED. The Court is satisfied that, contrary to plaintiffs' contention, defendant Wells Fargo Bank, N.A. ("Wells Fargo") has not invoked the attorney-client privilege too broadly. The Court DECLINES to award attorney fees or costs to Wells 13 Fargo.² 14 15 ¹ With respect to the e-mail from attorney Shawn Sax (ADI000018346), as to which Wells Fargo has withdrawn its assertion of the bank examination privilege, see Minute Order at n.1 (docket 16 no. 236 at 2), both sides have clarified that Wells Fargo continues to invoke the attorney-client privilege. Having reviewed the document again in camera, the Court is persuaded that it was 17 properly withheld. With regard to the attachments to e-mails identified in the previous Minute Order (ADI000028439, 84166, 28988, 84505, 85341, and 84422), Wells Fargo has explained 18 that some of these materials were produced and other documents were not disclosed as either not responsive to the discovery requests at issue or protected by attorney-client privilege, as reflected 19 in a separate privilege log entry. The Court is satisfied that Wells Fargo has complied with its discovery obligations. 20 ² Wells Fargo has acknowledged that, in response to plaintiffs' motion for Rule 37(b) relief, it undertook a review of its privilege assertions and, as a result, produced additional documents to 21 plaintiffs. See Supp. Resp. at 2 (docket no. 247). Thus, although plaintiffs did not prevail on the motion, <u>see Minute Orders</u> (docket nos. 185 & 236), the Court is of the opinion that an award of 22 expenses in opposing the motion would be "unjust." <u>See</u> Fed. R. Civ. P. 37(a)(5)(B)&(b)(2)(C).

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